

THE CHURCHES.

First Presbyterian.
Rev. George L. Curtis, Pastor. Sunday services: Morning worship 10.30 Sabbath-school, 12.10. Christian Endeavor, 7.00. Evening worship, 7.45 o'clock. Prayer-meeting each Wednesday night.

Westminster Church.
Rev. George A. Paul, Pastor. Divine worship at 10.30 A. M. and 7.45 P. M. Sunday-school at 12 M. Young People's Prayer Meeting at 6.45 P. M. A cordial welcome to all.

Park Methodist Episcopal.
Rev. Dr. Jesse L. Hurlbut, pastor. Church services at 10.30 A. M. and 7.45 P. M. Sunday-school at 12 M. Vesper service Epworth League at 7 P. M. Wednesday evening, Prayer Service at 8 P. M. Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock Junior Epworth League.

German Presbyterian.
Sunday services: Preaching by the pastor, Rev. Remi J. Buttinghausen, at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school at 2.15 P. M. Prayer-meeting, Tuesday at 8 P. M. Young People's Society, Friday, at 8 P. M. Young Men's Christian Association meets on Thursday evenings at 8 P. M.

First Baptist Church.
Rev. Fred W. Bula, pastor. Sabbath preaching services at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school at 12 M. Young Men's Prayer and Soul Winner's Circle, Sabbath at 6.45 P. M. Christian Endeavor meeting Tuesday at 8 P. M. General Prayer and Conference meeting Wednesday at 8 P. M. Junior Endeavor Friday at 3.30 P. M. Everybody welcome. All seats free.

Glen Ridge Congregational.
Corner of Ridgewood Avenue and Clark Street. Rev. Elliott Wilber Brown, D.D., pastor. Sunday morning worship at 10.45; Sunday-school, 12 M.; Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, 7 P. M.; Evening worship at 7.45; Church prayer-meeting Wednesday at 8 o'clock.

Watessing M. E. Church.
Rev. S. Trevena Jackson, Ph. D., Pastor. Devotional Meeting, 9.30 A. M.; Preaching, 10.30 A. M., subject, "Good Cheer." Sunday-school at 2.30 P. M., Epworth League, at 6.30 P. M., Preaching at 7.30 P. M., subject, "Does Death End All?"

Church of the Sacred Heart.
The Rev. J. M. Nardello, pastor. First Mass, 6.30 A. M. Mass and sermon, 8.30 A. M. High Mass and sermon, 10.30 A. M. Sunday-school, 3 P. M. Vesper service, 3.30 P. M.

East Orange Baptist Church.
Prospect Street. Services at 11 o'clock A. M. and 7.45 P. M. Sunday school at 2.30 P. M. Prayer-meeting at 7.45 Friday evening.

Montgomery Chapel.
Wilson S. Phraner, Superintendent. Preaching every Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Service of Song at 7.45 P. M. Sunday-school at 3 P. M. Young People's meeting at 7.15 P. M. During the week the gymnasium and reading-room will be open for men and boys on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings from 7.30 to 10 P. M., and on Saturday afternoon from 2.30 to 5.30 P. M.; for ladies and girls on Thursday evening from 7.30 to 10 P. M. Montgomery Chapel Cadets will drill on Friday evening.

Unity Church (Unitarian).
Unity Church (Unitarian) Church Street, Montclair. Rev. Edgar S. Wiers, pastor. Morning service at 11 A. M. "What is a Religious Man?" Harvest Sunday in Sunday-school at 9.45. Stereopticon talk by Mr. W. R. Smith on "The Bounty of Nature—The Harvest Fields of the World." All invited. Topic of conversation class, "The Teaching of Ethics in the Public Schools."

Christ Episcopal.
Corner Bloomfield and Park Avenue. The Rev. Edwin A. White, rector. SUNDAY SERVICES: Sunday-school, 8 A. M. Celebration of Holy Communion, 8 A. M. Sunday-school, 9.50 A. M. Morning prayer and sermon, 11 A. M. Choral Evensong, 4.30 P. M.

Church of the Ascension (EPISCOPAL).
Montgomery and Berkeley avenues. The Rev. H. P. Scratchley, in charge. Sunday services: Holy Communion, except first Sunday in month, 8 A. M.; first Sunday in month, 10.30 A. M.; morning prayer and sermon, 10.30 A. M. Sunday-school, 3 P. M.; evening prayer and sermon, 8 P. M.

Bloomfield Mission.
Glenwood Avenue, near Centre. Sunday-school at 3.30 P. M. Gospel service on Sabbath evening at 8 o'clock.

Silver Lake Union Chapel.
Franklin street, corner Belmont avenue. Sabbath services: Sunday-school, 3 P. M.; Preaching, 8 P. M. Week-day prayer meeting, Thursday evening 8 P. M. Everybody welcome.

BROOKDALE REFORMED.
Rev. W. E. Bogardus, Pastor. Sunday services: Sabbath school at 9.40 A. M., preaching services at 10.45 A. M. Christian Endeavor at 7.15 P. M.; preaching services at 8.00 P. M. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8.00 o'clock.

BROOKDALE BAPTIST.
Rev. J. H. Brittain, pastor. Sabbath preaching services at 3.15 P. M.; Sunday-school at 2.00 P. M.; prayer-meeting, Wednesday at 8 P. M.

St. John's Lutheran Church.
Corner Liberty Street and Austin Street. Rev. Friedrich Noldeke, pastor. Services 10.45 A. M. and 7.45 P. M. Sunday-school at 2 P. M. Ladies' Aid Society first Sabbath of every month at 3 P. M. Junior Society last Thursday of every month at 7.45 P. M.

ESTATE OF JANE BONEY, DECEASED.
Filed for record to the order of GEORGE E. RUSSELL, Surrogate of the County of Essex, this day made, on the application of the undersigned administrator of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased, within nine months from this date, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscriber. CHARLES A. KNYLER, Present claims to EDWIN A. RATHER, Executor.

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Business Before Pleasure.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN.

SIR—In addition to the objections referred to in your issue of last week a number of obstacles present themselves which would seem to make the purchase by the town of the Williamson avenue tract for a public play ground inadvisable. As appears by the report of the Town Council the bonded indebtedness of the town at the beginning of the current year was \$417,500, in addition to the floating debt of \$15,000. The interest account shows an annual liability upon this indebtedness of nearly \$25,000. A few of our bonds have been redeemed during the year, but the amount is comparatively inconsiderable.

It is true that the amount asked for \$15,000, in these days of extravagance not appallingly large though very few of our citizens can amass that sum without a life long struggle. But it should be borne in mind that the recent proposition of our Council to extend our water mains at a cost of less than \$10,000 into a much neglected portion of our town, where very shortly, if not now, they will be an absolute necessity, developed a violent opposition.

Our town has made rapid strides in the line of advancement in the past few years, and is now upon a good basis and there are present prospects of a material decrease in the burden of taxation which our citizens have borne in the last twelve years, but new problems will arise and are already confronting us, which must be solved and the cost provided for. There is the Passaic Valley trunk sewer, which will of necessity be constructed in a few years and Bloomfield must pay its share. To keep abreast with the times and with our more progressive neighbors, a public scavenger service should be immediately established and with it, of necessity, a disposal works of some magnitude must be erected and maintained. Track elevation along the Lackawanna Railroad is all planned in detail and, it is to be hoped, will be completed in the near future. While it is not deemed advisable to contribute in any way toward construction, there will nevertheless be considerable expense which can and should be legitimately and properly borne by the town in laying out the streets and approaches about the stations and making and keeping them attractive. Extensions are now being made to some of our school houses and new schools will soon have to be built to accommodate and provide for our increasing population. New streets will have to be accepted, opened, graded, sewered, piped for water and macadamized, sidewalks paved and curbed and storm drains constructed, and while a part of the charges will be assessed against and ultimately paid by abutting owners the first cost will fall upon the town at large and must be met through a tax levy. These improvements will also impose a heavy burden upon those abutting owners, whose interest it will be to keep the taxes at the lowest possible figure. Many other necessities will suggest themselves, and with all these present obligations confronting us it is wise to assume any further burden, even though it seemed small, at this time.

So far as the property in question is concerned many objections have been raised. It is in a most desirable residential section and for such purposes is very valuable. It is easily reached from either of the stations of the Greenwood Lake Railroad, but is not readily accessible from all sections of the town. It is quite some distance from the Centre and from the trolley, and if purchased by the town would in all probability be exclusively a First ward adjunct, and that ward is already blessed with a most attractive breathing spot—our beautiful Green. The other two wards should look to their laurels. The major part of the proposed plot is slightly below grade and a serious and expensive engineering problem presents itself. At the present time all the surface drainage from a good part of Walnut terrace and from all of Williamson avenue from the Greenwood Lake Railroad almost to Montgomery street flows into the property through a drain pipe laid under Williamson avenue and settles there by permission of the owners. If used as a public park this situation would have to be corrected by the construction of an expensive storm sewer through Williamson avenue and under Montgomery street. Both of our recent town engineers have advocated as the most feasible solution the opening of "Walnut terrace across this property to Berkeley avenue extension, or to Orchard street, where a less expensive drain can be constructed, to the immense benefit of the entire section in the basin south of the railroad. This is practically a necessity which would seem to have precedent over play grounds. Berkeley

avenue on the east of this property is now being opened and Liberty street will soon have to be extended and opened to Orchard street. This will impose at least half the cost of the improvements of opening, sewerage, macadamizing, etc., upon the town, and will give the property a frontage of 1,200 feet, which, in addition will have to be flagged and curbed and trees will have to be planted. Then, too, if it is to be a public park play ground considerable grading will have to be done, a running track constructed (a very expensive work), the base-ball diamond prepared, tennis courts and croquet grounds laid out and prepared, the major part seeded and made into a lawn, swings erected, park benches purchased, and last but not least, a grand stand constructed. Then all this must be cared for, the snow must be removed from 1,200 feet of sidewalk and gutter each winter and a "sparrow cop" or two in gray uniform must be supported. All this will be demanded because some of our neighbors have it. And all at the initial cost of nearly \$100,000—for the use of the First ward and a small adjacent part of the Second ward, with a general invitation to all the citizens of the town to attend on the fourth of July—if it does not rain.

Then comes the question of management. It is difficult to find good men to serve in our Council now and a further burden should not unnecessarily be imposed upon them. Base-ball seems to be the prime object of the movement and there are three very good grown up clubs in addition to the school clubs in our town, and there is only room on the proposed grounds for one game at a time. The proverbial fate of the umpire would be ten times multiplied for the unfortunate committee on management. There can be no doubt as to the good intentions of those of our citizens who have fathered this proposed bonding scheme, and we would all like to be with them in any progressive movement, and particularly in helping the boys to have legitimate, wholesome fun and non-professional sport. But is it not wise at this critical stage of our history, when we are neither village nor city, to be a bit conservative, with our debt so dangerously near the half million mark, and look to "business before pleasure?" If we must have another park, it has been suggested that a very much larger tract be procured for a smaller outlay in the upper part of the town, where a new school house will be needed and can occupy a small site, where the trolley will nearly reach it now and will ultimately pass by or through it; where the brook will be a pleasing adjunct and a real park can be made and where at least these base-ball games can be played at the same times.

It is to be hoped that our citizens will view this matter in a conservative light and express themselves by their voices and votes accordingly at the public meeting next Monday evening. But no matter what action is taken by those who may attend the meeting the whole responsibility rests upon the several members of the Town Council, who must ultimately determine whether or not the additional burden shall be imposed upon the town, keeping in view their several ante-election promises of "strict economy." A TAX PAYER.

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NOTICE

—OF—

Public Meeting

TO ACT ON

Board of Trade

Recommendation

—OF—

Purchase of

PUBLIC

RECREATION GROUNDS.

The citizens of the Town of Bloomfield are requested to meet in

CENTRAL HALL, BLOOMFIELD,

—ON—

Monday, Oct. 29, '06,

AT 8 O'CLOCK P. M.,

for the purpose of discussing and acting upon a recommendation of the Bloomfield Board of Trade to bond the town to an amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars, for the purpose of purchasing what is known as the

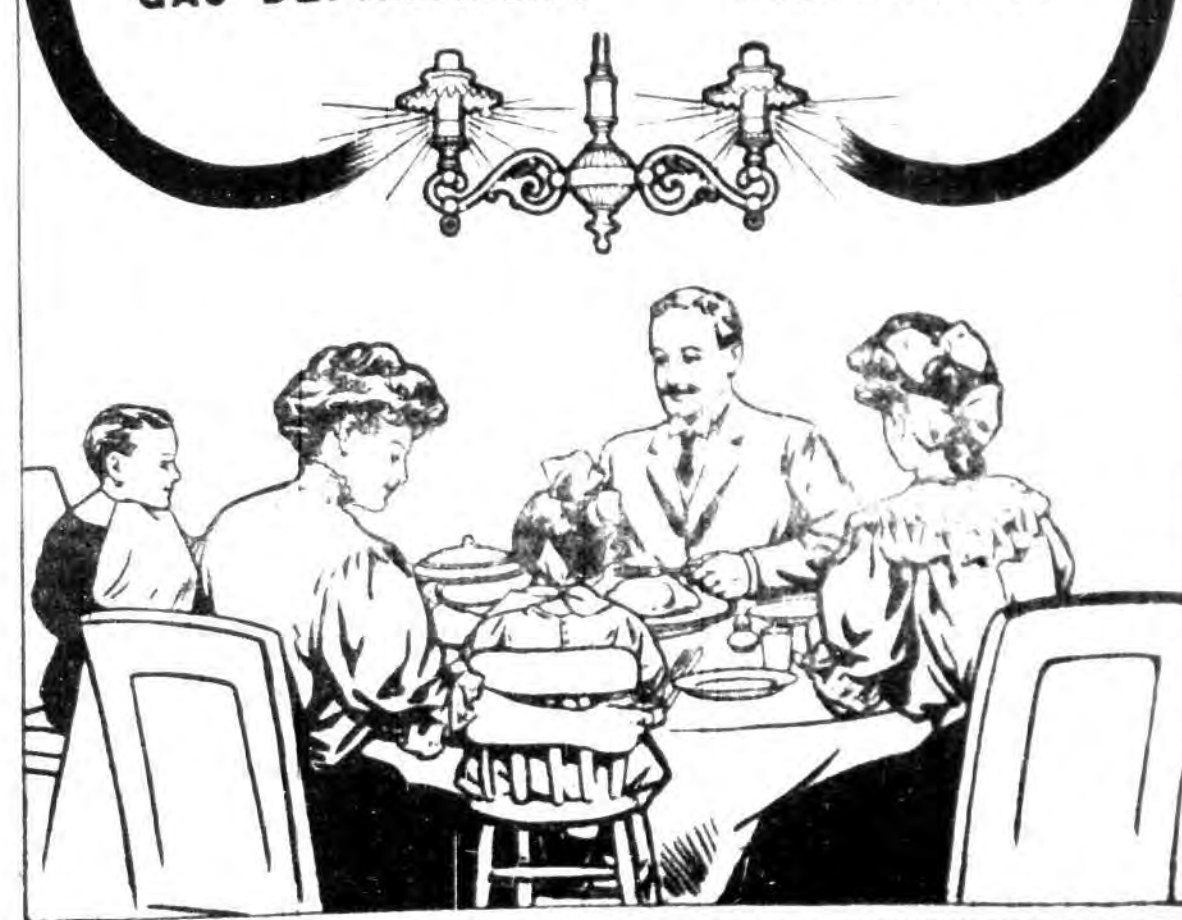
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